

Please rate based on the following scale:

5 = definitely study

4 = study

3 = neutral on studying

2 = don't study

1 = definitely don't study

2009 Potential Study Items

For the Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Interim Committees

From HJR 21 Master Study Resolution

Election Law

- _____ 50. **Election Laws** - to study changes to election laws, including providing a single ballot on election day for all election races (Aagard).
- _____ 51. **Eligibility for Legislative Office** - to study ways to clarify eligibility to fill a mid-term vacancy in the Legislature (McCoy).
- _____ 52. **For and Against Votes for Referendum** - to study whether greater clarity can be achieved (UCA Section 20A-7-309 of S.B. 27) (Frank).
- _____ 55. **Presidential Vote** - to study a compact agreement with other states to elect the President of the United States by the nation's popular vote (H.B. 406) (Hansen).

Campaign Finance

- _____ 46. **Campaign Finance Reports** - to study what statutory steps would discourage amendments to campaign finance reports, which do not provide transparency for the public (Allen).
- _____ 47. **Candidate Eligibility** - to study the effect of making election candidates ineligible to run if they miss filing one financial disclosure report (Stowell).

Federal Issues

- _____ 60. **Unfunded Federal Mandates** - to study the 1995 House Joint Resolution on federal government mandates and its effect on the number of unfunded mandates received by the state since its adoption (H.J.R. 3, 1995 General Session) (Stowell).
- _____ 135. **Federal Money to Local Jurisdictions** - to study how the federal PILT money should be divided within jurisdictions in a county (Stowell).

Local Fees / Taxes

- _____ 136. **Impact Fees** - to study impact fees on building development by cities, towns, and counties (Buttars).
- _____ 137. **Inter-County Competition** - to study local government extra-territorial service and competition (H.B. 374) (Frank).
- _____ 138. **Local Districts Property Tax Levy Authority** - to study the current policy

authorizing local districts with appointed boards to levy property taxes as part of the revenue for the operation of the district to determine whether any modification in taxing authorization is needed (Killpack)

- _____ 139. **Municipal Service Tax Issues** - to study whether it is constitutional for a governing board to impose a tax on a district in which it does not reside (Stowell).

Other State Government

- _____ 48. **Consolidating State Functions** - to study ways to consolidate various state agencies and functions (Harper).
- _____ 49. **Daylight Savings** - to study the need for Daylight Savings Time (Stowell).
- _____ 53. **GRAMA Issues** - to study a balancing test for the release of records and other GRAMA issues (H.B. 122) (Aagard).
- _____ 56. **Quality Improvement Program** - to study the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Improvement Program for possible implementation by the state (Hillyard).
- _____ 57. **Redistricting Commission** - to study the establishment of a Bipartisan Redistricting Commission (H.B. 172) (Chavez-Houck).
- _____ 54/58. **Post Office Box Addresses** - to study whether to include post office box numbers on all state forms (Stowell). **Returned Mail** - to study the policies of state agencies regarding returned mail (Stowell).
- _____ 59. **State Vehicle Fleet** - to study the reduction of the state's vehicle fleet and the cost savings in capital and operating costs (Stowell).

Other Local Government

- _____ 134. **Carbon Credits for Sequestration** - to study ways for municipalities to receive carbon credits for sequestration of waste stream materials (S.B. 223) (Romero).

Statutory Reports

Quality Growth Commission Annual Report - a report of progress statewide on accomplishing the purposes of the Quality Growth Act is required to the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee by November 30 (See Section 11-38-202).

Privatization Policy Board Report - an oral report on the boards activities, recommendations on privatizing agency goods or services, and the status of the commercial activities inventory is required to the Government Operations Interim Committee each interim (See Section 63I-4-202)

Other Possible Items:

- _____ a. **Uniform Per Diem and Travel Expenses for State Boards and Commissions** - to study updating statutory language for per diem and travel expenses to conform to H.B. 45.
- _____ b. **Challenge of Local Budgets and Land Use Ordinances by Initiative or Referenda** - to study whether to modify or repeal the current prohibition for these types of initiatives or referenda (20A-7-401).

- _____ c. **Administrative Procedures Act Modifications** - to study provisions concerning the notices required for an agency to hold on informal hearing.
- _____ d. **Governor's Commission on Strengthening Democracy** - updates/recommendations
- _____ e. **89. Eminent Domain** - to study whether litigation expenses should be awarded in condemnation actions where the final award exceeds the written offer by 5% (H.B. 414)(Frank) (request that this item be transferred from Judiciary)
- _____ f. **Federal Stimulus Money** - updates
- _____ g. **Election Law** - annual clean-up legislation
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- _____ i.
- _____ j.